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SUBJ: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON GENEVA

1. AT MOROCCAN RECEPTION LAST NIGHT, SOVIET AMB POLYAKOV STATED USSR SHARES OUR VIEW THAT GENEVA CANNOT BE RECONVENED UNTIL SECOND HALF OF 1977. HE CLAIMED THAT SYTENKO WHEN HERE HAD MADE THIS POINT FAHMY, BUT NOTED LATTER CONTINUES TO CALL PUBLICLY AT LEAST FOR LATE MARCH MEETING.

2. SOVIETS, POLYAKOV CLAIMED, HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ARAFAT AND PLO LEADERS TO CHANGE NATIONAL CHARTER AND RECOGNIZE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST. HE UNDERSTOOD EGYPTIANS ARE ALSO DOING SO, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT UPCOMING PNC IN CAIRO WILL APPRECIABLY ALTER PLO PUBLIC STAND. ANY SERIOUS EFFORT TO DO SO BY ARAFAT WILL TEAR PLO APART AND UNDERMINE PRESENT PLO LEADERSHIP. RE PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA, POLYAKOV OPINED THAT THIS MIGHT BE MANAGEABLE IN THE FORM OF A SINGLE ARAB DELEGATION AS ASAD FAVORS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED GOE PREFERS INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, BUT THOUGHT EGYPTIANS WOULD COME AROUND IF PRESSED BY OTHER ARABS.
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3. HE COMMENTED THAT USG AND USSR, AS CO-CHAIRMEN, SHOULD BEGIN PARTICIPATORY WORK FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE INDICATED SOVIET LEADERS LOOK FORWARD TO SECRETARY'S MARCH 28 VISIT TO DISCUSS ME PEACE PROCESS WITH HIM.
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